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1. JP 11-47967 A (English translation is provided)

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2. DE 44 07 190 A1 (English abstract is provided)

3. WO 99/08829 A1 (in English)

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